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PRESENT POSITION

Brittain Postdoctoral Fellow—Writing and Communication Program, Georgia Tech (Georgia Institute of Technology)

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Anthropology, Emory University, 2019
 Dissertation: “Halal Things: Ontology and Ethics in the Malaysian Halal Ecosystem”
- M.A. Anthropology, Northern Illinois University, 2010
 Concentrations: Cultural Anthropology, Southeast Asian Studies (Graduate Certificate), Applied Anthropology (Graduate Certificate)
- M.A. Philosophy, Northern Illinois University, 2009
 Concentrations: Epistemology, LGBT Studies (Graduate Certificate)
- B.A. Philosophy, St. Cloud State University, 2003
- B.A. Anthropology, American University in Cairo, 1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor—Writing, Composition, and Communication

- 2022 (fall)–2024 (fall) English Composition I and II. Titles: Rhetoric and Ritual—The Composition of Meaning (3 sections) and Community Narratives: Ethnography of Public Goods (9 sections). Georgia Tech, Writing and Communication Program.
- 2019 (fall)–2022 (spring) First-Year Rhetorical Composition. Titles: Ethnography—Interrogating Culture through Writing (10 sections) and Culture Online—Ethnography of Virtual Life (4 sections). Emory University, Writing Program.

- 2021 (fall) First-Year Rhetorical Composition (for English Language Learners). Title: Global Issues and Local Responses (1 section). Emory University, Writing Program.
- 2021 (fall and spring) Topic in Writing/Rhetoric/Literacy (380). Titles: Writing Ethnography / Narrative Investigations (1 section) and Writing Ritual: The Composition of Meaning (1 section). Emory University. Writing Program.
- 2021 (spring) Advanced Writing Workshop (for English Language Learners). Title: Alt ATL—Living in Unsettled Times (1 section). Emory University, Writing Program.

Instructor—Anthropology

- 2016 (fall) Special Topic. Title: Economic Anthropology: Gods, Markets & Neoliberalism (1 section). Emory University, Department of Anthropology.
- 2010 (Jan. term) Indonesian Music and Cultures (2 sections). Hamline University (St. Paul, MN), Department of Anthropology.

Instructor—Philosophy

- 2009 (fall) and 2010 (spring) Critical Thinking (2 sections). Waubensee Community College (Sugar Grove, IL), Department of Philosophy.
- 2009 (fall) Introduction to Ethics (1 section). Waubensee Community College (Sugar Grove, IL), Department of Philosophy.

Teaching Assistant

- 2012 (fall)–2014 (spring) Predicative Health and Society, cross listed with Center for the Study of Human Health (1 section); Anthropology of Death and Burial (1 section); and Introduction to Anthropology (1 section). Emory University, Department of Anthropology.
- 2006 (fall)–2007 (spring) Introduction to Anthropology (2 sections) and Cultural Anthropology (1 section). Northern Illinois University, Department of Anthropology.
- 2004 (fall)–2006 (spring) Applied Ethics (4 sections) and Introduction to Ethics (4 sections). Northern Illinois University, Department of Philosophy.

Continuing Professional Development

- 2023 “Technical and Professional Communication Seminar,” Writing and Communication Program, Georgia Tech, August–December
- “Postdoc Leadership Program,” Postdoctoral Services, Georgia Tech, January–April
- 2021 “Challenging Language Supremacy in Assessment of Student Writing,” Faculty Workshop led by Asao Inoue, Emory University, October 28–29
- 2020 “College Online Teaching Strategies,” Office of International and Summer Programs, Emory University, June 8–28
- 2020 “ELL (English Language Learning) Teaching Certification,” English Language Learning Program, Emory University, January–April
- 2019 “Course Design and Teaching Workshop,” Center for Faculty Development, Emory University, August 14–15

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2017–2019 Emory Writing Center, Graduate Fellow, Emory University
- 2011 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program, Program Manager, Center for Southeast Asia Studies, Northern Illinois University
- 2010–2011 Online Malay-English Dictionary Project, Definition Drafter, Center for Southeast Asia Studies, Northern Illinois University

PUBLICATIONS

- In preparation “Navigating Kuala Lumpur’s Halal Foodscapes: Adherence and Exception.”
- 2010 “Foreword” in *Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World* (3rd edition). By Clark D. Neher. Northern Illinois University Press, DeKalb. With James T. Collins

PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Transcribing Authority: Rhetoric and the Production of Bureaucratic Religious Texts.” Paper, Rhetoric Society of America, Denver, May 21–24

- 2023 “Serious Play in the Teaching of Composition.” Paper, Conference on College Composition & Communication, Chicago, February 15-18
- 2022 “Halal Competition: A Case Study in Southeast Asian Islamic Authorities.” Paper, Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Honolulu, March 24–27
- 2021 “Religious Texts and Industrial Standards: A Case of Transcription in the Malaysian Halal Industry.” Paper, International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society: Modeling Tradition from the Margins—Non-Canonical Writing in Religious Systems, June 3–4
- 2017 “Unruliness and the Halal Laboratory: Malaysian Halal Formations.” Paper, American Ethnological Society: Exposures, Stanford University, March 30–April 1
- 2016 “Neoliberal Misfiring and the Malaysian Halal Industry.” Paper, American Anthropological Association: Evidence, Accident, and Discovery, Minneapolis, November 16–20
- 2016 “Scriptural Transcription: Neoliberalism and Malaysian Halal Standards.” Paper, Department of the Study of Religion, From Oikonomia to Occupy: Intersections of the Religious and the Economic, University of Toronto, April 21–22
- 2015 “Islamic Management and Halal Labs: Developing an Anthropological Understanding of Halal Sciences.” Paper, Shariah and Halal Laws Seminar, The Halal Product Research Institute, University Putra Malaysia, March 19
- 2015 “New Moral Economies: The Ethical Potentials of the Halal Industry.” Lecture, Malaysian-American Alumni Partnership’s Oasis Distinguished Speaker Series, Zilzar Tech Office, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, March 19
- 2009 “Globalizing Halal: Tracing the Formation of a Social Concept.” Paper, Center for Southeast Asia Studies Friday Lecture Series, Northern Illinois University, November 13
- 2009 “Colonialism, Class and Feminism: The Contexts of Kartini's Letters.” Paper, Southeast Asia Studies Student Conference, Northern Illinois University, March 28

2007 “The Muslims of Bangkok and The Clash of Civilizations,” Paper, Southeast Asia Studies Student Conference, Northern Illinois University, March 24

SERVICE

Committee Work

2023 (fall)–2024 (fall) Executive Committee, Brittain Fellow Representative and Grant Writing Committee, Chair. Writing and Communication Program, Georgia Tech.

2023 (spring) Grant Writing Committee, Committee Member and World Englishes Committee, Committee Member. Writing and Communication Program, Georgia Tech.

Other

2022 Southeast Asia Mental Health Conference, Mentor for early-career scholars from Southeast Asia, August-September

2021 (fall)–2022 (spring) Senior Postdoc Mentor (for incoming postdocs), Writing Program, Emory University

2021 “Teaching with Tarot,” Workshop Leader, Pedagogy Sessions, Emory University, April 23

2018 “How to Present Conference Papers,” Workshop Leader, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience Program, Emory University, July 26

2018 “Organizing Research Grants,” Workshop Leader, Grant Writing Retreat at Amicalola Falls State Park, Grant Writing Program, Emory University, February 22-25

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

2018–2019 Laney Graduate School Advanced Student Fellowship, Emory University

2014–2015 Fulbright Student Researcher Grant, Institute of International Education

2009 Outstanding Graduate Student, Department of Anthropology, Northern Illinois University

- 2009 Outstanding Graduate Student, Division of Research and Graduates Studies, Northern Illinois University
- 2007–2009 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Southeast Asia Studies, Northern Illinois University

LANGUAGE PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH TRIPS

- 2024 (summer) Field research, “Navigating Kuala Lumpur’s Halal Foodscapes: Adherence and Exception,” Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2014–2015 Ph.D. Dissertation Research, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2013 Bahasa Melayu for International Students, Advanced Malay Language Course, University of Malaysia Pahang, Gembang, Malaysia
- 2009 Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian Summer Language Program, Advanced Indonesian Language Course, Satya Wacana Christian University, Salatiga, Indonesia
- 2008 and 2009 (summer) M.A. Thesis Research, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2008 The United States – Indonesia Society Summer Language Program, Intermediate Indonesian Language Course, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2007 Southeast Asian Summer Studies Institute, Intensive Indonesian Language Course, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin